J & K State function to the maximum possible extent and for expeditious disposal of applications for transfer of accounts from the Valley, if so desired by the customers.

(c) Government have issued instructions to all commercial banks to give compensatory facilities like special compensatory allowance and pool accomodation to the staff with adequate security.

Decline in share of Kerala in income tax, excise duty etc.

993. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the percentage share of Kerala in respect of income-tax, excise duty and additional excise duty came down perceptibly as a result of the norms adopted by the Ninth Finance Commission;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to rectify this position; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) As compared to the Eighth Finance Commission's award, the share of Kerala in respect of income tax, duty & additional excise duty has come down under the award of Ninth Finance Commission as shown below:

	Percentage share	
	Eighth Finance Commission	Ninth Finance Commission
Income Tax .	3.760	3.729
Excise Duty .	3.800	3.087
Additional Excise Duty .	3.963	3.723

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission (Second Report) for the five years period commencing from 1st of April, 1990 have already been accepted by the Government.

Disposal of the Appeal Against the balance demand from Chairman Express Group of Newspapers

994. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2442 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the balance demand of Rs. 26,82,164 from the Chairman, Indian Express Group of Newspapers has been disposed of;

(b) if so, whether the recovery has since been made; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for such undue delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The demand of Rs. 26,82,164 referred to in the question was not due from the Chairman, Indian Express Group of Newspapers but was due from Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt Ltd. Appeals against this demand have been disposed of by the Commissioner (Appeals). After disposal of appeals, this demand has been reduced to Rs. 2,93,914.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The appeals were decided on 13.6.1990. After receipt of the appellate orders, the Assessing Officer has recently served revised demand notices on the assessee.

Misuse of loans given by banks to the Chairman, Express Group

995. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1012 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the disallowance of certain losses shown by the Chairman, Indian Express

Group of Newspapers has since been admitted;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the appeal,

(c) whether Shri Goenka has paid the necessary taxes on losses disallowed or whether he has given any bank guarantee for such payment; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for not insisting for such a guarantee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and permissible under the rules.

Increase in Customs Duty on Paraxylene

996. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of drastic fall in the price of Paraxylene in international market, Government have taken steps to increase customs duty on this material; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for delaying a decision on the subject particularly when it has an adverse impact on revenue collections and growth of indigenous industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has been asked to ascertain the fair selling price of indigenous paraxylene. A decision on the appropriate level of import duty on paraxylene can be taken only after the receipt of the BICP report.

Profitability in the Production of Polyster Filament Yarn

997. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have information with regard to the alleged high levels of profitability in the Polyester Filament Yarn industry;

(b) whether Government consider reducing the import duty as demanded by a large number of users of Polyester Filament Yarn;

(c) whether the reduction of import duty will help in reducing the ultimate retail prices of fabrics so as to benefit the common man;

(d) whether this has happened before, if so, when; and

(e) whether reducing the import duty on man-made and synthetic *fibres and yarns has not resulted* in reduction in retail prices of the fabrics; if so, whether Government consider allowing fabric imports under OGL?

THE MINISER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, Government have asked Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices to undertake a fresh cost study on the Polyester Filament Yarn Industry.

(b) Government have reduced the import duty on Polyester Filament Yarn from 205 per cent to 180 per cent in 1990-91 budget. There is no proposal at present to reduce it further.

(c) the reduction of import duty is only one factor in the reduction of retail price of fabrics. Other factors such as production trends demand and supply position, distribution channels, fashion trends etc. also determine fabrics retail prices.

(d) Import duty on Man-made and synthetic fibre/yarn was reduced earlier in the 1988-89 Budget.

(e) The reduction of import duty on man-made and synthetic fibre/yarn